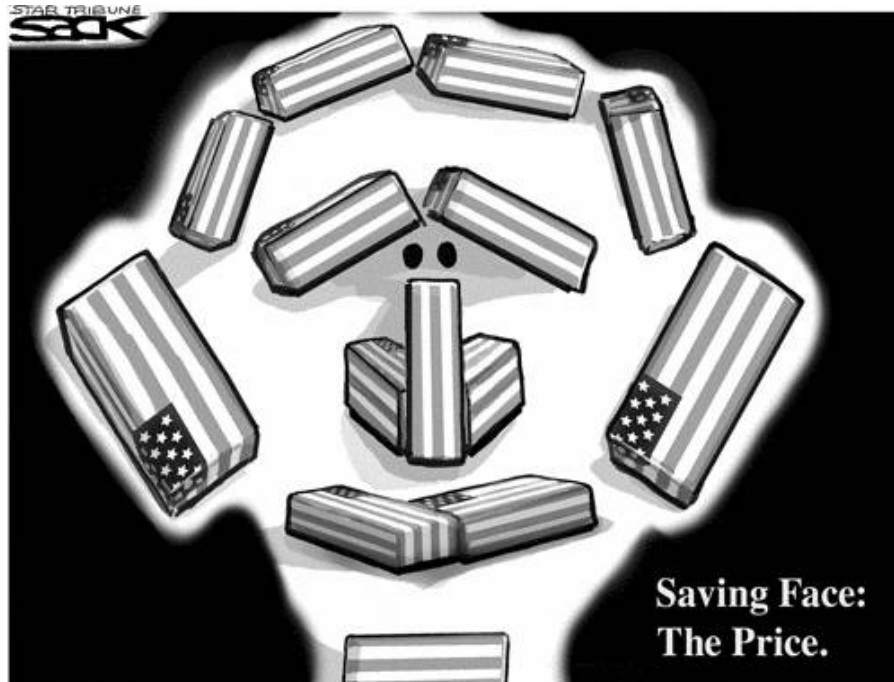


GI SPECIAL 5C14:



[Thanks to Katie GY, The Military Project]

All Out For Ft. Bragg This Saturday; Stand In Solidarity With The Troops At The Fayetteville NC Rally

March 17th thru the 26th, the IVAW Deployed bus will participate in the Veterans For Peace caravan to military bases throughout the South.

This historic event will begin with a rally in Fayetteville, NC at the gates of Ft. Bragg, one of the largest Army bases in the country.

Strategic Focus for IVAW in 2007:

In the coming weeks, IVAW will launch a powerful national campaign to end the war in Iraq.

This effort is the fruit of a national strategy retreat held by IVAW in January, and represents a significant intensification of our work from the past two years to press the demand for immediate withdrawal of all occupying forces from Iraq.

The campaign will allow our members to engage in specific powerful actions around the country that will:

Mobilize active duty service members to resist the illegal occupation of Iraq,

Amplify the voices of veterans who say that this war is not winnable, and

Persuade young people considering military service that they should think twice before serving in this war.

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The caravan will end up in Kiln and Pascagoula, Mississippi, where there will be a week-long rebuilding project to help families affected by Hurricane Katrina.

This rally and caravan will be a great opportunity to reach out to active duty men and women to build opposition from within the ranks, while maintaining a focus on the thousands of families still languishing after hurricane Katrina as we spend billions a week in Iraq.

**For more information about this action, go to
http://www.veteransforpeace.org/Caravan_itinerary.vp.html**

I sincerely thank you all for the support and encouragement you give us each week with your donations, phone calls and letters.

With your help, we will bring our troops home.

In Peace and Solidarity,

Kelly Dougherty
Executive Director
Iraq Veterans Against the War

IRAQ VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR:

December 12, 2006: San Francisco



[Photo by Jeff Paterson, Courage to Resist: jeff [at] paterson.net]

**Please Send Some Money To Help IVAW Reach Out To
The Troops:
Go To Their Web Site At
www.ivaw.org/**

MORE:

Veterans For Peace Announce Fayetteville & Convoy To The Bases Activity Schedules

[Thanks to Ward Reilly, Veterans For Peace, who sent this in.]

From: Veterans For Peace vfp@veteransforpeace.net

The different military towns we will visit and the names and contact information of local organizers are set forth below.

If you can help organize, please contact the appropriate person.

We will stop in the cities adjacent to Fort Jackson, Fort Stewart, Mayport/Jacksonville Naval Stations, Fort Benning, and Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base.

On this trip our actions will include showing 'Sir! No Sir!' and 'The Ground Truth', giving copies of these DVDs free to active duty soldiers along with the GI Rights pocket card. We will explain the Appeal for Redress to active duty soldiers and ask that they consider signing it.

Fayetteville: Activities Schedule

Mar 13, 2007 Veterans For Peace

Friday, March 16th:

11am: Press Conference at the Quaker House, 223 Hillside Ave. Some of the Vets traveling with the caravan should attend, if all possible. The press will want details on the caravan.

11:00am: 2:00 Visit local popular restaurants where soldiers have lunch

4:30pm: The hospitality room will open at the Prince Charles Hotel on Hay St. We will be in the Azalea Room 2.

7-8pm: Veterans For Peace meeting. Prince Charles Hotel on Hay St in the Azalea Room 2

8-11:30pm: Hospitality room may be used for visiting, networking and planning. Working Films of Wilmington will be showing DVDs in one corner of the room.

Veterans might want to consider visiting local bars after their meeting ends. List of bars and restaurants will be provided.

Saturday, March 17th:

10:30 Pre-Rally show and set up for March

12pm: March begins to Rowan Street Park

1pm—4pm Rally

Saturday night: Visit local bars to network with military

Saturday night: Hospitality room at hotel will be opened until 11pm

Sunday, March 18th---

11am: Michael McPherson will speak to the Unitarians Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fayetteville, 106-108 Hay St., Fayetteville NC

4pm-6pm: Vigil at the Gates of Ft Bragg

6:30: Dinner at the Quaker House for the Vets provided by the Unitarians. Meeting for Reflection and Skill Building, Contact in Conflict: Clarity for Change I, provided by Sunny Miller of the Traprock Peace Center

Monday, March 19th:

9:00-10:30 Quaker House: Meeting for Reflection and Skill Building, Contact in Conflict: Clarity for Change II, provided by Sunny Miller of the Traprock Peace Center

10:30-2pm: Visit local popular restaurants where soldiers have lunch

5pm: Meet for pizza at Spinners on Raeford Rd

7pm: Veterans and Their Families Speak Out ----First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, 1505 Fort Bragg Rd Sponsored by Fayetteville Peace With Justice

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David Matos: aiken_peace@yahoo.com, 803.215.3263

Fort Stewart, Georgia (3/21)

Cathy Browning: cjb1146@yahoo.com, 912.996.6523

Jacksonville, Florida (3/22)

Cherie Eichholz: ceichholz@veteransforpeace.net, 314.725.6005, x105

Ft. Benning, Columbus, Georgia (3/23)
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Montgomery, Alabama (3/24)
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“The single largest failure of the anti-war movement at this point is the lack of outreach to the troops.” Tim Goodrich, Iraq Veterans Against The War

Do you have a friend or relative in the service? Forward GI Special along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly. Whether in Iraq or stuck on a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the war, inside the armed services and at home. Send email requests to address up top or write to: The Military Project, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

Baghdad IED Kills One U.S. Soldier, Three Wounded

13 March 2007 Multi National Corps Iraq Public Affairs Office, Camp Victory RELEASE
No. 20070313-24

March 13, a MND-B unit struck a roadside bomb while on a combat patrol in a southern section of the Iraqi capital, killing one Soldier and wounding three others.

Soldier Killed In Baghdad Had Followed Dad's Footsteps

March 8, 2007 By Hector Gutierrez, Rocky Mountain News

Blake Harris' dad, John, spent 11 years in the Army, and Blake followed suit. He spent three years with the ROTC at South High School in Pueblo. When Blake Harris graduated from high school in 2002, he enlisted.

Deborah Harris, Blake's mother, said her son made his decision after a recruiter came to campus.

"He came home, and said, 'Mom, I'm going to join the Army. I'm going to serve my country,' " his mother recalled. "It was in his blood for sure."

Deborah Harris said she believed her son likely was considering the Army as his career.

Spc. Blake Harris was killed Monday when an improvised explosive device detonated while he was riding in a Humvee patrolling the streets of Baghdad. He was 22.

In addition to his parents, Harris left behind his wife, Joanna, and his 2-year-old son, Jonah.

"He was my only son," his mother said.

Deborah Harris and her son routinely exchanged e-mails, and she said Blake had described war-torn Iraq as very intense during the past couple of weeks.

"He was a corporal and he was in charge of a group of guys, and I think he had seen some close calls," his mom said.

When Harris returned to Iraq for his second tour of duty in October, he was devastated when insurgents killed nine members of his unit, his mother said. Then he lost another eight during more combat operations.

Woodlands Teen Killed In Iraq



March 9, 2007: 2 Houston

THE WOODLANDS, Texas -- A soldier from The Woodlands was killed in Iraq, KPRC Local 2 reported Friday.

Pfc. Cory Kosters, 19, was killed Monday by a roadside bomb in Iraq along with five other soldiers from Fort Bragg, N.C.

His family had expected their son home next month.

Kosters joined the Army shortly after graduation from high school and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division.

His mother, Senta Kosters, said that her son was never worried about the dangers of serving in the military. "I said, 'There's a war going on,' but he said, 'Yeah, if it's your time to go, it's your time to go and it doesn't matter if you're here or there,'" Senta Kosters said.

He sent his family his longest e-mail just one day before his death.

"They had been on quite a bit more missions and that things were just getting really messy," Kosters said.

Neighbors lined their street with flags as a colorful memorial for the fallen soldier. "By morning we got up and the flags were all up and down the street and flowers were in the yard," Kosters said.

His brother, Kevin Kosters, said that Cory was always excited about being in the Army. "While he was in the military, he seemed to like every bit of it," said Kevin Kosters. "Through basic training ... through everything, he even told us that he actually wanted to go to Iraq."

I SHOULD OPEN A CHUCK-E-CHEESE FOR THESE FOOLS BECAUSE THEY LOVE TO PLAY WHACK-A-MOLE: AT LEAST NONE OF OUR TROOPS WOULD DIE THAT WAY
And The Maj. Gen. Inspires Confidence With His Positive News:
“This Is Not A Haphazard Fire Drill To Save The House From Burning”
[It’s A Well Organized Cluster Fuck To Save The House From Burning]

Troops Leave Baghdad For Diyala



Company B, 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment en route to Baqouba, north east of Baghdad, March 13, 2007. 700 additional U.S. troops 2nd Infantry Division arrived in Diyala province on Tuesday, to try to quell burgeoning violence during a security crackdown there. (AP Photo/SSgt. Antonietta Rico, US Army, HO)

Troops Leave Rustamayah For Baghdad



A convoy of U.S. army armored vehicles leave the forward operating base Rustamayah for a mission in Baghdad March 13, 2007. (Fabrizio Bensch/Reuters)

[Thanks to Pham Binh, Traveling Soldier, who sent this in with the headline.]

Mar 13 By LAUREN FRAYER, Associated Press Writer

Some 700 American soldiers rolled into Baquba on Tuesday, shifted out of Baghdad to a nearby province where insurgents fled ahead of the crackdown in the capital.

"This is not a haphazard fire drill to save the house from burning," Maj. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, commander of U.S. forces in northern Iraq, told The Associated Press.

The 5th Battalion's move occurred as more than 20,000 U.S. troops are pouring into Baghdad.

"We embark on another journey, boys!" Sgt. William Rose told his platoon as their Stryker combat vehicle rumbled out of Baghdad at sunrise, one of about 100 vehicles making the journey.

The rumble of outgoing artillery fire shook the ground underneath them. **[Using artillery to defend the capital of the nation you invaded five years ago isn't a burning house, for sure. It's a defeated occupation fighting a lost war, where every death is in vain.]**

TROOP NEWS

**THIS IS HOW BUSH BRINGS THE TROOPS HOME:
BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE**



The casket with the remains of Army Staff Sgt. Carl L. Seigart Feb. 22, 2007, in Picayune, Miss. Seigart died on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 2007, in Iraq when an improvised explosive exploded near the vehicle he was in. (AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

Only 141,000 More To Go:

Bring Them All Home Now



Sgt. Liliana Howell hugs her son Isaac after he ran to her while she marched in formation with fellow soldiers from US Army Reserve's 432 Transportation Company in a return ceremony after a year's deployment to Iraq, at Ft. Buchanan, in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, March 13, 2007. (AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)

**“11,000 Troops Are Under Orders
To Remain In Combat Beyond
Their Initial Deadlines For Coming
Home”**

**“Enduring A Thousand More
Hours Of Fear”**

3.13.07 USA Today

As the Pentagon works to implement President Bush's plan to raise troop levels in Iraq by 21,500 and fight another war in Afghanistan, more troops — and more families — face the same painful reality of extended deployments.

The Army and Marine Corps say that about 11,000 troops are under orders to remain in combat beyond their initial deadlines for coming home, some for as long as four months.

For families of the Army's 1st Combat Brigade, 1st Armored Division based in Friedberg, Germany, whose troops have been extended for six weeks in Ramadi, one of the most dangerous cities in Iraq, it means enduring a thousand more hours of fear.

“Keep The 4th Brigade Home” 23 Arrested In Tacoma



Phan Nguyen of Olympia makes a speech about constitutional rights before stepping forward to be arrested after wearing a backpack in an area where police had restricted bags. “All I have in my backpack is a U.S. Constitution,” he said as activists cheered. (News-Tribune Photo/Peter Haley)

March 12, 2007 by Paul Sand, The News-Tribune

Wes Hamilton understood it was only a symbolic act, but the Vietnam War veteran hoped his arrest Sunday in the Port of Tacoma would encourage others to voice their opinions against the Iraq war.

“We’re standing on principle,” said Hamilton, a former Marine, minutes before he climbed over a metal barricade at East 11th Street and Thorne Road and was taken into custody by police.

He was one of at least 23 people arrested Sunday afternoon after they performed peaceful acts of civil disobedience to protest the Iraq war and the movement of Army Stryker brigade vehicles out of the port.

Fifteen people were arrested after they crossed the police barricade, including Olympia City Council member T.J. Johnson. Eight others were arrested after they donned backpacks or bags and crossed into an area where police had banned such items. About 60 protesters attended the event.

In a separate protest-related case, a woman was arrested early Sunday morning after she ignored an officer's instructions to stop her vehicle and drove into an area of East 11th Street, said police Detective Brad Graham.

In addition to the 24 people arrested Sunday, police have made eight protest-related arrests since March 5.

Sunday afternoon's arrests were part of a structured, negotiated event involving police and activists.

After the crowd marched from Port of Tacoma Road to East 11th Street, Tacoma police Sgt. Todd Kitselman politely announced the rules: no backpacks, purses or bags beyond this point, and no climbing or hanging anything on nearby fences.

"We want you guys to have a peaceful protest," he said.

Several minutes passed before 32-year-old Phan Nguyen stepped forward with a black backpack strapped on. He was promptly arrested.

"All I have in my backpack is a U.S. Constitution," he told police, as the activists cheered and chanted.

In front of reporters and TV news cameras, seven others quickly stepped forward, were detained and placed in patrol cars.

Two Comments On 3.13.07 GI Special Story: "The Army Is Ordering Injured Troops To Go To Iraq"

#1: Gen. Pace Calls Homosexuality Immoral - Yahoo! News

[Thanks to Pham Binh, Traveling Soldier, who sent this in. He writes:

[PACE'S LOGIC: HOMOSEXUALITY IS IMMORAL. SENDING MEDICALLY UNFIT TROOPS INTO COMBAT IN BUSH'S DOOMED SURGE IS NOT.]

#2:
“This Is A True Wickedness”
“Did The Army Medics Sign The
Hippocratic Oath?”
“If They Did, They Clearly Did Not Read
It”

From: Felicity Arbuthnot
To: GI Special
Sent: March 13, 2007
Subject: Spinal injuries - re redeployment.

I am no doctor, but I know a bit about spinal injuries having had a massive one which needs re-repairing every few years, as it collapses again.

'His medical records say he is "at significantly increased risk of re-injury during deployment where he will be wearing Kevlar, body armor and traveling through rough terrain." Late last year, those medical records show, a doctor recommended that Jenkins be referred to an Army board that handles retirements when injuries are permanent and severe', said the Salon article re Master Sgnt Jenkins, who had three disks fused.

And much about others with appalling back conditions to be re-deployed.

There seems no reason to disbelieve Salon.

This is a true wickedness.

I am each time after surgery in a high dependency ward with other back injuries equally complex.

The one thing the neuro-surgeons and medical staff stress is to avoid weight carrying - for ever - and also putting on weight.

Infact if anyone is more than just four pounds overweight, they will not operate until it is lost, because of the potential damage excess weight can cause, not alone on recovery, but always.

To deploy people who have to wear heavy protective gear and to carry more is nothing short of criminal.

Further, a collapsed weakened back injury can even, of course, result in permanent paralysis.

Did the Army medics sign the Hippocratic Oath?

If they did, they clearly did not read it.

**THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO
COMPREHENSIBLE REASON TO BE IN THIS
EXTREMELY HIGH RISK LOCATION AT THIS
TIME, EXCEPT THAT A TRAITOR WHO LIVES
IN THE WHITE HOUSE WANTS YOU THERE
That is not a good enough reason**



Thanks to Kevin Ramirez, CCCO. He writes: Pics showing what happens when US bases get mortared/rocketed. Obviously taken by a GI. I found them online, and don't know who took them.

The U.S. Imperial Government Hates Badly Wounded Soldiers: A Systematic Operation To Fuck Them Out Of Disability Retirement Confirmed By The Numbers

Mar 13, 2007 By Kelly Kennedy; Staff writer Army Times [Excerpts]

The 2006 disability retirement numbers released by the Defense Department show trends similar to an analysis of data reported by Military Times this week.

Though 10,460 soldiers went through medical retirement system in 2006, only 412 received lifetime retirement benefits.

But in the Air Force, where 6,000 fewer airmen went through the process, 514 people received lifetime medical retirement benefits.

The Navy and Marine Corps combined sent 5,348 people through the process, with 151 receiving permanent medical retirement.

Conversely, the number of injured soldiers given one-time severance pay in 2006 was five times the number of injured airmen.

Service members with severance payments do not receive medical benefits for life or the other benefits that come with being a retiree, such as commissary and exchange benefits or continued military health care.

This has proven problematic for service members who then go to the Department of Veterans Affairs for medical benefits, because they must first pay back their severance pay before receiving disability payments from the VA.

Many more soldiers than airmen, Marines or sailors also were placed on the temporarily disabled list, which has proven controversial because people can languish on the list for up to five years waiting for a final decision on whether they will remain in the military.

Service members also can be placed on temporary disability pay until their injuries stabilize and may then be processed out of the military with a lower rating or severance pay.

Army officials have said one reason the physical evaluation process takes many months is because they hope to eventually return soldiers to duty.

But in 2006, 964 soldiers were found fit after going through the process — only about 9 percent of those who went through the physical evaluation board.

For Air Force, 1,707 airmen were found fit, about 42 percent of those who went through the process.

For the Navy and Marines, 1,300 people were found fit, about 24 percent of those who went through the process.

Troops Invited:

What do you think? Comments from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to The Military Project, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or send email contact@militaryproject.org:. Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Replies confidential. Same address to unsubscribe.

Pentagon Pants Pissing Panic; If It Breathes, Call It A Senior Officer

3.13.07 Boston Globe

To fill a growing number of vacancies, the Army is promoting captains, majors and lieutenant colonels more quickly and at a higher percentage than before the Iraq war, a trend that some military specialists worry is lowering the overall quality of the officer corps.

[Given the relentless idiocy practiced by the top commanders in this war so far, “lowering the overall quality of the officer corps” represents a truly magnificent achievement of a task that would have hitherto been thought impossible. T]

A reason for the vacancies, military analysts say: Unit leaders are quitting the Army faster than anticipated — after multiple tours of duty in Iraq.

The shortage is especially pronounced among experienced officers who have between five and 15 years in uniform, according to Army officials.

IRAQ RESISTANCE ROUNDUP

Assorted Resistance Action

March 13, 2007 By LAUREN FRAYER, Associated Press & Xinhua

Insurgents killed Hatam Muhsin, the general director of mechanical industries company, in the town of Iskandariya, 40 km (25 miles) south of Baghdad, police said.

Guerrillas opened fire at a police patrol killing one policeman and wounding three in the northern city of Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

In Kut, guerrillas killed an interpreter working for coalition troops. Police said Ibrahim Sasa was killed in the center of the provincial capital.

A roadside bomb detonated near an oil tanker in eastern Tikrit, killing its driver and destroying the tanker as well, the source added.

Guerrillas opened fire at a police vehicle killing three policemen and wounding two in Zayuna district in eastern Baghdad, police said.



(Graphic: London Financial Times)

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE
END THE OCCUPATION**

Smart Move By Sadr: Shiite Iraqis Want The Mahdi Army Back

3.13.07 Los Angeles Times

Hundreds of Shiite Iraqis, beating their chests in mourning, accompanied 17 coffins through Baghdad's main Shiite district, demanding that militiamen be allowed to protect them after a wave of attacks on pilgrims.

This year, the Al Mahdi militia, led by radical anti-American cleric Moqtada Sadr [translation from Bush propaganda by reporter] pro-American but anti-occupation nationalist Muqtada al-Sadr, held back from protecting millions of Shiite pilgrims making their way to the holy city of Karbala for weekend religious rites.

Attacks against Iraq's Shiite majority, however, have persisted despite the month-old crackdown by occupation troops.

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS

At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation's ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke. For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder. We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake. Frederick Douglas, 1852

Aiding the Enemy

To: GI Special

March 13, 2007 By Pham Binh

Pham Binh is an activist and recent graduate of Hunter College in NYC. His articles have been published at Asia Times Online and Monthly Review Online. He edits Traveling Soldier, a newsletter for anti-war military personnel. His website is www.politicsofhypocrisy.com and he can be reached at anita_job@yahoo.com

They cut and run in the face of danger. They aid the enemy and give comfort to him in his hour of need. They don't understand the nature of the threat we face today.

Who am I talking about? The Democrats, of course.

The enemy they aid, give comfort to, capitulate to, and retreat from, is President Bush.

Although they rode a wave of anti-war sentiment into office, the Democrats are doing their best to betray the voters by giving Bush every thing he wants - money, troops, and his choice of generals - but whining about it every step of the way.

Hence all the non-binding resolutions, the schemes by folks like John Murtha to continue the war while appearing to oppose it, and the shameless posturing for 2008 by opportunists like Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

One of the schemes to trick us into thinking they oppose Bush was the insertion of language into the war funding bill that would have required Bush to seek Congress' permission before attacking Iran.

Of course, there was never any danger of Bush getting a no vote on that. Obama, Clinton, and even the out-of-power-with-nothing-to-lose-loser-of-2004 John Edwards have been endlessly repeating Bush's mantra on Iran: "all options are on the table" to stop Iran's nuclear program.

And even if an attack on Iran were voted down in Congress, since when has Bush been bothered by legality? Every law he doesn't like, he breaks. When he signed the law banning torture, he attached a signing statement that basically said, "I'm exempt from this law whenever I say so." How another piece of paper would prevent Bush from bombing Iran has yet to be explained.

But now the Democrats have scrapped even this pretense of opposition.

They've taken the Iran measure out of the military spending bill, giving Bush permission to attack when he pleases.

The bill has also been making headlines because it sets a deadline in 2008 for the withdrawal of combat troops from Iraq, conveniently before a Democrat can win the White House.

Out of the 140,000 troops there now (surge not included), only 60,000 are combat troops. So "only" 80,000 American lives would still be at risk for the control of Iraqi oil and the geopolitical power that would bring.

Essentially, the bill would force the military to end major combat operations against the resistance and the militias and pull back to those permanent bases nobody in Washington or the media wants us to know about.

If this redeployment happens, the war will continue.

That's because a majority of Iraqis don't want to be occupied in any way, shape or form.

They don't want their country to be a colony, protectorate, satellite, or springboard for America's future wars against Iran or Syria.

This redeployment would merely re-arrange the deckchairs on the Titanic. Or the Hindenburg, if you're a Stephen Colbert fan.

Iraq has been a godsend for the Democratic Party.

Voters' anger over the war has outweighed their anger at the ineptitude, bumbling, cowardice, and betrayal of the Democratic Party.

This dynamic is likely to make either the first black or the first woman President in 2008.

But the track record indicates that a Democrat at the helm won't obey the voters and stop the war.

MORE:

The Imperial Presidency

March 13, 2007 Juancole.com [Excerpt]

The Democrats are blinking and taking out of proposed legislation a provision that would have forbidden Bush to take military action against Iran without coming to the Congress first (i.e. without acting in accordance with the Constitution).

I'm not sure why you need a statute, anyway, to ensure that the Constitution is followed . . . Except that it has been so long since presidents have paid much attention to the Constitution.

The Imperial Presidency has overshadowed it, just as Emperor Augustus overshadowed the Roman Republic.

NEED SOME TRUTH? CHECK OUT TRAVELING SOLDIER

Telling the truth - about the occupation or the criminals running the government in Washington - is the first reason for Traveling Soldier. But we want to do more than tell the truth; we want to report on the resistance - whether it's in the streets of Baghdad, New York, or inside the armed forces. Our goal is for Traveling Soldier to become the thread that ties working-class people inside the armed services together. We want this newsletter to be a weapon to help you organize resistance within the armed forces. If you like what you've read, we hope that you'll join with us in building a network of active duty organizers.

<http://www.traveling-soldier.org/> And join with Iraq War vets in the call to end the occupation and bring our troops home now! (www.ivaw.org/)

OCCUPATION REPORT

Good News For The Iraqi Resistance!!

U.S. Occupation Commands' Stupid Terror Tactics Recruit Even More Fighters To Kill U.S. Troops



An Iraqi citizen tries to put her scattered belongings back together after a raid by foreign occupation soldiers from the USA in Baghdad's Sadr City March 10, 2007.

Iraqi citizens have no right to resist home invasions by occupation soldiers from the USA. If they do, they may be arrested, wounded, or killed. REUTERS/Kareem Raheem

[There's nothing quite like invading somebody else's country and busting into their houses by force to arouse an intense desire to kill you in the patriotic, self-respecting civilians who live there.

[But your commanders know that, don't they? Don't they?]

"My sons and wife were very terrified," complained Muhannad Mihbas, 30, who said his brother and six cousins were taken in the sweeps. "Does the security plan mean arresting innocent people and scaring civilians at night?" BRIAN MURPHY, AP, Feb. 27, 2007

OCCUPATION ISN'T LIBERATION

BRING ALL THE TROOPS HOME NOW!

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



[Thanks to David Honish, Veteran, who sent this in.]

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